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# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**Friday, 11th September 1959.**

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS

MR. SPEAKER : இன்றையதினம் கூட 50 கேள்விகள் இருக்கின்றன. நாளைக்குக் கூட 70 கேள்விகள் வரப்போகின்றன. அங்கத்தினர்கள் கொடுத்திருந்த கேள்விகளுக்கு எல்லாம் பதில் வந்துவிட்டது. ஆகவே இன்றும் கூட கேள்வி போட்டவருக்கு இரண்டு உப கேள்விகள் போட அனுமதிப்பேன். அப்புறம் ஒன்றிரண்டு பேர்களுக்கு அனுமதிக்கலாம். குறிப்பிட்ட காலத்திற்குள் எல்லாக் கேள்விகளுக்கும் பதில் அளிக்கப்படவேண்டும்.

### *Cycle rickshaw pullers*

* 116 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI (on behalf of SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a deputation of the cycle-rickshaw pullers in the City of Madras, some time in the third or fourth week of March 1959; and

(*b*) what was the action taken on their representation?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) In March 1959, the Madras Cycle Rickshaw-Pullers Union presented a memorandum to the Minister for Industries.

(*b*) The Commissioner of Labour discussed the matter with the Cycle Rickshaw Owners' Association and the Madras Cycle Rickshaw-Pullers Union. As a result the Commissioner advised the Union to substantiate its claim for a reduction of the hire rate and to furnish details of rates prevailing in other cities. The Union has not made any further representation to the Commissioner of Labour so far

### *Fishermen's Co-operative Society, Colachel*

* 253 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any defalcation of funds was detected in the Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society ; and

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(b) the action taken (i) to recover the amount; and (ii) to proceed against the defalcator?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) There has been no defalcation of funds in the Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society. An amount of Rs. 8,500.76 nP. was due from the President to the Society on 18th September 1957. The Director of Fisheries has reported that under bye-law 23 (A) of the Colachel Fishermen's Co-operative Society, the President is authorized to keep cash and other assets of the society in his custody and that he remitted the entire amount in the Kanyakumari District Co-operative Central Bank at Nagercoil by 6th December 1958.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : May I know whether any report of misappropriation was made by the Senior Co-operative Inspector connected with the society concerned and if so, whether any memo. was sent to the concerned President and what action has been taken by the department on that?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There was no report from the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies. What was the second question?

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : Was any memo. sent to the concerned President by the Assistant Director of Fisheries?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have that information. I may add that, as I have already told, the entire amount has been remitted by 6th December 1958.

Sri T. S. Ramaswamy rose.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member may please note that he can put only two supplementaries.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : Sir, this is a very important question. You may remember that this was a subject-matter of a short notice question also. So, I would request you to permit me to put some more questions on this subject.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member cannot make a speech during question-hour.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : I am not making a speech. It is only a humble submission to the Speaker. That is all. May I know from the Hon. Minister how long this amount was with the President concerned, when this was found out and whether any action has been taken against the Senior Inspector who reported this irregularity?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As I have already stated, the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies did not make the report. It was the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies who inspected the society and submitted a report. There was no point in saying that there was any defalcation or any such thing. Under the by-laws of the society, the President was authorized to keep

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cash in his custody. However, when the Deputy Registrar reported that certain amounts were due from the President, the President was asked to remit the amount into the Bank and as I have already stated, 18th September 1957 was the date of the report and on 6th December 1958, the entire amount was remitted into the Co-operative Central Bank at Nagercoil.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY : May I know whether any interest on the amount was recovered from the said President? May I know whether that President was nominated to other State Boards and the Kanyakumari District Federation by the Government and whether the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies was transferred by about this date and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As for the last question, whether any Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies was transferred or not, I may state that he might or might not have been transferred. I have already answered that the Senior Inspector of Co-operative Societies has not taken any action in the matter and has not submitted any report. So, there is no question of transfer of any Senior Inspector in this connection. Whether anybody else was transferred for any other reason or not is quite a different matter altogether and does not arise out of this.

*Encephalities*

* *S.N.Q.* 4.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 'influenzal encephalities' is raging on an epidemic in Mettupalayam village in South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to eradicate it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) A disease suspected to be acute encephalities broke out in the village on 7th August 1959. There have been 32 attacks and 2 deaths so far.

(*b*) The Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Villupuram, is visiting the village and is rendering medical aid. Cases requiring in-patient treatment are admitted in the Government Hospital. Arrangements are also being made to send a mobile team to the village.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the cause for the immediate attack of this epidemic disease encephalities in Mettupalayam village?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As for the cause, medically they say it is due to some virus. But, we have not been able to find out whether it is due to some virus-air-borne, water-borne or food-borne or any other thing. It is a sort of new thing.